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Madison County officials say the county's waste management plan is accomplishing its goal.

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(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

The Old Six Mile House on Maryville Road has been nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Historically registered

Old Six Mile building wins national recognition

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

As the country grew westward in the 1830s, many settlers built simple, rectangular, side-gabled, two-story houses that were two rooms wide and one room deep.

As settlement spread to Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, that particular type of architecture came to be known as an I-house. The I-house was a popular style because it was simple, practical and could easily be expanded by addition.

Today, few I-houses retain their historic architectural integrity,

having been razed long ago or else covered by synthetic siding, new windows or large additions. But the Old Six Mile Museum, 3279 Maryville Road, is one structure that remains architecturally close to its initial form.

In fact, the two-story clapboard I-house built by William Emmert during the 1830s is soon to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its architecture.

"This is a great recognition for this area," said Georgia Engelke, historian and curator of the museum who nominated the house for registration with the National Park

Service.

An official dedication ceremony is being planned for this summer.

When originally built in 1837, the house was part of a rural farmstead in the Six Mile community — so named for its proximity to St. Louis. Emmert built the home, featuring a five-bay front facade and a central entrance to a hallway between two first-floor rooms, on a stone foundation. A two-tiered front porch was located on the north facade, and each first story room had its own fireplace and brick chimney.

As the Emmert family grew, a rear

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Landlord license plan OK'd

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

An ordinance requiring landlords to obtain a \$25 license was unanimously approved by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

The ordinance requires landlords to obtain one license for all their property in the city and allows the license to be withheld or revoked for violations of codes or nonpayment of fees for city services such as garbage collection.

The law becomes effective on June 15, and licenses must be purchased by July 1.

The licensing also requires landlords to provide the city with the name and number of occupants in each property.

The licensing fee can be abated if all a landlord's property is vacant or if someone is living in it without paying rent.

Originally, the licensing proposal would have levied a higher fee for each individual property. Fees ranging from \$25 to \$100 per unit had been discussed.

The council also amended the city's business license ordinance to require operators of

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Pitchin' — Former Major League baseball pitcher Rick Horton speaks at the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast. Now retired, Horton is the area director of the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Story, more photos on Page 5A.

Vrtis halts plant's siting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Metro East LLC developer Michael Vrtis has halted the permitting and siting process for his proposed \$70 million power plant in the city of Madison.

In a letter to Mayor John Belcoff, read at Tuesday's council meeting, Vrtis said his company was stopping both the air permits application with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the siting application with the city for a fuel processing plant that would adjoin the proposed energy plant.

The project received two major setbacks in the past few weeks. First, Gov. Jim Edgar signed a bill eliminating sections of the Retail Rate Law that provided tax credits for utilities purchasing power from trash-to-energy facilities.

"The governor's action means that all constructive development of the project will be postponed," the letter said. "The postponement will extend until a court ruling is made on the validity of the governor's action."

In his letter, Vrtis said the governor's action has resulted in two separate lawsuits, and others are being

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— Michael Vrtis
Plant developer

planned.

During discussion at the council meeting, City Attorney Casper Nighossian said lawsuits filed in federal courts "could get interesting."

"I understand that there are some flaws in the law (signed by Edgar)," he said. "If they get into federal court, it could get interesting."

The other blow came last Thursday, when the Illinois Pollution Control Board ruled that the siting of a \$75 million power plant in Madison was "fundamentally unfair."

Michael Wallace, chief hearing officer for the ICPCB, said the board ruled Thursday that the process was "fundamentally unfair" because of a trip taken by several aldermen to visit

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Village borrows fire trucks

National City restores services

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

While the long term fate of National City is up in the air, village officials said they have restored necessary services and are working on rebuilding.

"We're up on our feet," Mayor Lorie Marshall said after a special board meeting Monday at the National Stock Yards. "We have two fire trucks on loan and basic services are still there."

The Friday morning fire that destroyed the fire and police departments, along

with village hall, is still under investigation.

At a special board meeting Monday afternoon, Fire Chief Charles Schreiber said the department was using two trucks borrowed from the city of St. Louis and the Prairie du Pont Fire Protection District.

He also said firefighters were traveling as far as Springfield to obtain necessary equipment from other fire departments.

Schreiber also said he has sent out a plea to other municipalities and local businesses for donations to replace

equipment destroyed in the fire.

All three of the fire department's trucks, along with all of their equipment, was destroyed.

He also said the department was developing a list of items needing to be replaced, along with lists of items donated and borrowed.

The only action the board took was to approve the spending of up to \$500 for "small" items that have not been donated or borrowed.

Village Attorney Douglas E. Dusek told (See SERVICES, Page 9A)

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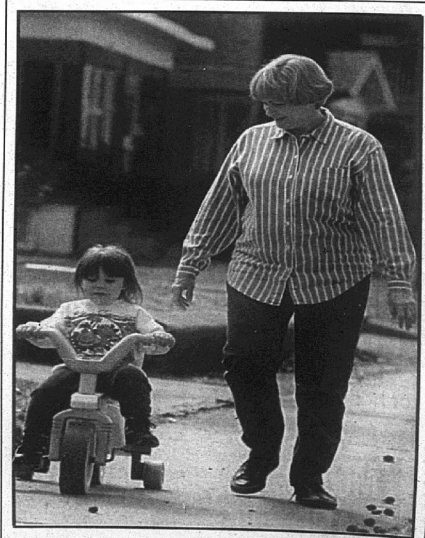


Kim Affolter

Kim Affolter of Granite City is to receive the annual Kimbol Community Service Award in Education from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville at a banquet tonight at the University Center.

The award recognizes voluntary community service. Affolter, an alderman and president of the Frohardt PTA, also serves as a volunteer on the Granite City DARE Committee, Trails West Council Boy Scouts, Council for Gifted Children, Mayor's Youth Center, Drug Free by 2000 Task Force and the Centennial Oversight Committee.

She is to receive the Illinois PTA Book of Recognition Award this spring.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Rollin' — Two-year-old Tabitha Robinson rolls down State Street in Granite City while out enjoying a recent afternoon with her grandmother, Earline Robinson.

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

State rejects plant's siting

The Illinois Pollution Control Board has rejected siting of a proposed \$75 million power plant in Madison.

That ruling, combined with Gov. Jim Edgar's signing of a repeal of sections of the Retail Rate Law last week, will effectively kill the project, according to opponents.

Michael Wallace, chief hearing officer for the ICPB, said the board ruled Thursday that the siting process was "fundamentally unfair" because of a trip taken by several aldermen to visit similar plants in Michigan, and the unavailability of a hearing transcript at Madison City Hall.

Woman dies in river

A 32-year-old Granite City woman died Sunday after falling into the Mississippi River while fishing in a small boat with her husband.

Karla Dugan, 32, of Granite City, was dead when workers on the lowboat Midland pulled her out of the water, according to a spokesman for the St. Louis police department. An autopsy was scheduled for Monday to determine the exact cause of death.

Her husband, Gary Dugan, 41, was taken to a local hospital suffering from hypothermia, but has been released.

Crossings ordered fixed

Motorists crossing railroad tracks in Granite City should soon see smooth sailing.

After years of lobbying by city officials, the Illinois Commerce Commission has ordered four railroad companies to repair 20 sets of tracks at five different locations in Granite City.

Collector funds eliminated

For the first time, Granite City residents will not be able to pay their property taxes at City Hall this year.

But they can still be paid across the street at a local bank — or almost any bank in the county for that matter — or by mail. The Town Board voted 11-3 last week to not fund the township tax collector's portion of the 1996-97 township budget.

Shooting causes concern

A shooting near Blair School in Venice last week is believed to be related to an incident earlier in the week at a local bar, police said.

The most recent shooting occurred on Douglas Street — one block from the school — at about 3 p.m., when children were being let out of school.

Three people were charged in relation to the earlier incident. Madison County Board member Don Garrett suggested that the incidents will become more frequent this summer and that the Venice police department consider requesting assistance from other law enforcement agencies.

School district keeps job

Madison School District Assistant Superintendent Hilda Everage will be keeping her job.

Board President John Hamm said Thursday that plans to eliminate the position and offer Everage an assistant principal post have been dropped.

At a board meeting two weeks ago, a standing-room-only crowd protested the plan, arguing that it was racially motivated.

School officials said the plan was motivated by finances rather than race.

Comments draw criticism

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison City Clerk William Weidner was sharply criticized at Tuesday's city council meeting by two aldermen for comments made when he announced his intentions to run for mayor next year.

Those two aldermen were then criticized by a third alderman who said their criticism was "inappropriate" during a council meeting.

In a written statement read at the council meeting, Alderman Alexis Lux said she was upset by Weidner's comments, which appeared in a March 21 article in the *Granite City Press-Record*.

In the article, Weidner was quoted as saying he was concerned about how the city was spending money; he said the council "currently makes critical decisions on the council floor with limited understanding or discussion."

"We are spending a lot of our money based on unclear assumptions. I would prefer to have a little more sound financial decision," he said.

Weidner also said the city needs to have "a professional development (in the tax increment financing district) in there, and not just whoever wants to move in."

Lux said Weidner's comments were "false information" and that she had attended all the council meetings, special meetings and most committee meetings held since her election last year.

"Most of us do attend many of the extra meetings and we gather information, we read, we ask questions and from all of this we form a decision for the well-being of the city," she said.

After Lux's statement, Alderman Eleanor Armour said she agreed.

Alderman Norris Horton then joined the discussion, saying the council was not a proper place for political discussions.

Mayor John Belcoff agreed, saying politics was not an issue for the council.

"I don't think this is the proper place to handle this stuff," he said. "We as a city are here to run the city government and to see that it's done properly."

Police investigate apparent scams

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City police are investigating four recent reports of apparent scam drop scenes in the city.

Assistant Police Chief Kip Pomeroy is warning residents — especially senior citizens and employees of financial institutions — to be wary of the operations.

"It seems they come in waves," Pomeroy said. "They just seem to pop up every once in a while."

The alleged scams — where individuals approach unsuspecting victims, claim to have found a lot of cash and offer to share it — took place on the parking lots at Schnuck's, 3030 Madison Avenue, and Kmart, 3655 Nameoki Road, last week.

The first reported incident took place at Schnuck's last Tuesday. A 79-year-old Granite City woman told police two women approached her claiming to have found \$38,000. The women said they would split the money with the victim if nobody claimed it. The victim took the suspects to Aldi's, 3375 Fehling Road, and then returned to Schnuck's after giving the suspects her name, address and telephone number.

One day later, a Granite City man said he was approached by a man on the Schnuck's parking lot who claimed that he recently flashed a large amount of money and was looking for a church to make a donation.

That same day, a similar scam was reported outside and inside Kmart by two different victims. One of the suspects flashed a large wad of money that turned out to be a \$2 bill wrapped around a large roll of play money.

Police questioned one of the suspects in the Kmart incident, who said he planned to gain the trust of the victim and then win a large amount of money from him playing cards.



This sign at the Old Six Mile Historical Society museum explains the Six Mile Prairie.

Building

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wing was added to provide additional space.

Emmert died in 1881 and his family sold the homestead to August and Elizabeth Zippel, German immigrants, in 1884. The Zippel family made several changes to the house and farmed the property for 60 years, until the Old Six Mile Historical Society purchased the house in 1984.

The society has restored the house, including removal of synthetic siding and repainting the wooden exterior. The house-museum is open for public tours every Sunday in the spring and summer, beginning May 19.

The house has three outbuildings — including a summer kitchen, a smokehouse and a garage — and a well. The current 1.75-acre site includes a picket and board fence.

According to "Common Houses in America's Small Towns: The Atlantic Seaboard to the Mississippi Valley," the I-house type "symbolized prosperity and respectability among businessmen and professionals" and reflected both folk and popular culture as it was used by builders almost everywhere in the United States in the mid-to-late 19th century.

License

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hotels, sleeping rooms or boarding houses to obtain a \$25 license.

The council also approved an ordinance granting consent to transfer the city's cable franchise from Cencom Cable to Charter Communications.

In other business, the council approved a request by Police Chief Steve Skoklo for \$350 to attend a week-long training session in Springfield.

Finance Committee Chairman John Hamm also told the council that both Madison County Community Development and IMPACT have approved plans to make the new city hall handicapped-accessible.

The city has approximately \$107,000 in community development funds available for the improvements — which are being handled separately from other repairs and improvements to the city hall.

He said bids would be let soon and would be opened April 19.

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Dave McFarland, left, and Dave DeGonia, co-chairmen of the Granite City Centennial Pavilion Committee, inspect plans for the new building at its proposed site in Wilson Park.

For Centennial celebration

Pavilion will be built

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Dave McFarland wanted to be involved in the celebration of Granite City's 100th birthday, so he volunteered to sit on one of many committees helping to plan the celebration.

McFarland was placed on a committee helping organize activities at Wilson Park the last weekend of June, but quickly realized that there were more activities than the park had accommodations for.

"I told them I quit that committee and formed a committee to build a permanent pavilion with a stage," McFarland said last week, as he examined plans for the project. "They told me we couldn't do it. But we think we can."

The steel frame, pre-engineered building containing a 36-foot-long stage under a triple-tiered roof will be built exclusively from private donations. Local labor unions have agreed to donate the work — about \$80,000 worth. The materials will cost about \$35,000.

"After the centennial, the stage will be given to the park district as a 'thank you' for

the use of their facilities and in memory of the Centennial and the Park District Anniversary," McFarland said.

The park district is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

McFarland and co-chairman Dave DeGonia are soliciting funds now to make the project a reality by mid-June.

"We want to begin construction as soon as the weather breaks. We're shooting for completion by June 15," McFarland said. The pavilion will be built near 29th Street, close to the lighted softball diamond across from Niedringhaus Elementary School.

The octagonal facility will include a 765-square-foot covered stage, two dressing rooms and a storage area.

"After the Centennial activities are over, it can be used for parades, concerts, labor rallies and other community events," McFarland said.

Persons making a contribution of \$500 or more will have their names engraved on a permanent plaque on the exterior of the stage. Those wishing to make donations can do so by sending them to: Granite City Centennial Corp., P.O. Box 501, Granite City, IL 62040.

Senate rejects bid to halt TIF expansion

Bowles among senators opposing proposal

SPRINGFIELD — A proposal to halt the expansion of Tax Increment Financing districts was overwhelmingly rejected by the Illinois Senate Tuesday.

Sponsor Sen. Steve Rauschenberger, R-Elgin, contended the original intent of TIF districts, to redevelop blighted areas, has been abused. They are overused in wealthy communities to give tax breaks to developers at the expense of local school districts, he said.

But after narrowly being endorsed by a Senate committee earlier, the bill attracted only seven votes in the full chamber, with 45 against, including area Sens. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville, Vince Demuzio, D-Carlinville, and Frank Watson, R-Greenview.

"There have been significant abuses. If we don't get reform we need to do it over," Rauschenberger said, charging the state association representing the TIF districts has refused to negotiate reforms.

There are nearly 400 TIF districts in the state, including ones in Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Madison, Wood River established one of the first in 1986 and Hartford one of the most recent earlier this year. Edwardsville, Glen Carbon and Alton also have TIF districts.

The Senate action in rejecting Rauschenberger's bill was praised by Wood River City Manager Joey Tolbert. The city belongs to the state TIF association.

"We feel strongly that TIF is a very valuable economic development tool and we feel we've used it properly in the past and we'd like the opportunity to use it in the future," Tolbert said.

Alan Orthals, executive director of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority,

"There have been significant abuses. If we don't get reform, we need to do it over."

— Steve Rauschenberger
Bill sponsor

had expressed a similar opinion after Rauschenberger's bill was initially introduced. He said the bill's effect would be devastating to economic development in the area.

Any increases in local property tax revenues from within the districts are used for improvements in the TIF area, typically through the use of long-term bonds.

Some of the older districts, including Wood River, also receive a rebate in state sales tax revenues for local use.

Sen. Aldo DeAngelis, R-Olympia Fields, urged Rauschenberger not to call the bill for a vote, saying he was close to "getting an agreement on TIF reforms and a roll call on this bill would just put us back to square one."

Rauschenberger insisted on a vote, however, despite criticism by several senators that his bill went too far in cutting off any new TIFs of expansion of existing TIFs.

The legislation had been supported by most statewide school associations and opposed by the Illinois Municipal League and the Illinois Realtors association as well as the TIF association.

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THE LAW AND YOU

By RICK REED
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Sometimes the question arises as to whether a person is entitled to notice and a hearing before he or she can be held in contempt of court. Illinois courts have defined criminal contempt of court as "conduct which is calculated to embarrass, hinder or obstruct a court in its administration of justice or take away from its authority or dignity." The courts of this state have recognized two forms of criminal contempt: direct and indirect.

Direct criminal contempt is contemptuous conduct occurring "in the very presence of the judge." Direct criminal contempt may be found and punished without a hearing because all elements are within the immediate knowledge of the court. Indirect criminal contempt is contemptuous conduct "which in whole or in part occurred out of the presence of the court, and which is therefore dependent for its proof upon the presentation of evidence." Since findings of indirect contempt require proof of matters outside the immediate knowledge of the judge, the person charged with contempt is entitled to notice, an opportunity to answer, and a hearing.

In one recent case, a husband appeared in court with his wife in a divorce proceeding, and on the way out of the courtroom, he allegedly spit on her face.

The wife's attorney alerted the judge to the occurrence, and the judge scheduled a contempt proceeding later in the day.

At the hearing, the husband denied spitting upon his wife. She testified that as she was leaving the courtroom, he pushed his way toward her and spit on the left side of her face and on her glasses. Her glasses were admitted into evidence and revealed a dried substance on the left lens.

An independent witness who was in court on the morning in question testified that she observed the husband spit on the wife's face. The husband again took the witness stand on his own behalf and stated that a gland under his tongue sprayed saliva involuntarily. The husband further stated that he was under stress and that this glandular reaction sometimes occurred during stressful moments. His dentist testified on his behalf and indicated that it was not uncommon for someone under stress to have fluid released when he talked.

The judge found that the husband intentionally spit on his wife, which caused a disruption to the courtroom and interrupted the administration of justice. The Court sentenced the husband to three days in jail.

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Opinion

Comments from Carol

Dole facing more troubles

Poor Bob Dole. And I say that with all sincerity. As the primaries and caucuses roll by and he emerges as the obvious (and probably the only) viable Republican presidential nominee, the gaffes show no sign of buzzing off.

True, some of his legitimate competition has seen the light and dropped by the wayside, but his problems have not ceased. And it's only late March.

The image-makers among his own supporters urge him to change his public facade, afraid that voters view him as too stiff, too sober-sided. They want him to smile more, relax more, appear to have more in common with what we unfortunately refer to as the "common man."

They want him to change what have long been his expressed reasonable moderate views and bend more to accommodate those of some who are borderline lunatic-fringe.

Personally, I hope he ignores their less-than-profound advice. He's not a touchy-feelie kind of guy and if he tries to be, he's going to come across as a phony.

He could never carry off the patented Clinton sweet sympathetic smile and assurance that he "feels your pain."

It's just not Bob Dole, way out of character. I would like to hear him let up on that editorial "we" stuff, as when he too often refers to himself in the third person.

I say let Bob Dole be Bob Dole. He's an intelligent man, he's a man of wit (though he doesn't display it often in public appearance), he's assuredly a man with long government experience, and I have no reason to believe that he doesn't actually believe what he says he believes.

Whether or not I'll vote for him is beside the point, just let the guy be himself. There are worse men and a couple of them appear to be planning on needing him further in coming months.

The lesser of the two, Ross Perot, is stage-struck again. Remember, a couple of weeks back I predicted that he'd never be able to resist the urge to join the fun-and-games and, sure enough, he's baaack.

Last week, following the Tuesday primaries, he suggested that if his "Reform Party" couldn't come up with another candidate, he couldn't be exactly reluctant to represent them in November. As it was, several of his aides were already busy, trying to get his name on the fall ballot.



Carol Clarkin

in at least 14 states.

Then there's the pit bull, Pat Buchanan, who, in spite of the fact that even he has admitted that in terms of delegates, Dole has a prohibitive lead, is still refusing his support of the obvious nominee. In fact, Buchanan appears to be getting even more belligerent than his normal mode and that's saying a lot.

Pat and his followers are folks who make me very nervous, indeed.

Like most people, I've made my share of mistakes and I've never been wrong, that he, and like those same people, I don't always like it much to have to admit it. But I do.

In Pat's case, I get the distinct feeling that he believes (or says he does) that he's never been wrong, that he, and those who think as he does, represent the way, the truth, the light.

And that anyone who disagrees with those views are on an express elevator to Hades.

Not only has Pat promised to stay in the Republican race for as long as he can, fighting, "strongly, bravely, fairly," but he's urging something that truly makes me edgy.

Something he calls "a more muscular Christianity", telling followers that "We've had too much of the church milquetoast and not enough of the church militant in America."

Further, he's downright threatening when he demands a voice in the decisions of the Republican national convention (to which, incidentally, he refers as "the altar" in yet another religious related phrase).

When warned by prominent Republicans that his persistence in bad-mouthing Dole will only lead to a loss of influence in the party, Pat's response has been defiance. He will play a lead role at that gathering, he's assured us.

"What are they going to do to me? Not invite me to the convention? Kick me out of the convention? So what? Let them try!"

Instead of the traditional quadrennial love feast, Pat seems to be promising a Kansas all-out bare-knisted brawl. As I said, poor Bob Dole.

HE'S STUMPING HERE IN ILLINOIS, SEEKING THE REPUBLICAN NOMINATION.

BUT HE'S OLD, NOT VERY PHOTOGENIC

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YEAH, HE'D MAKE A LOUSY PRESIDENT.



MIKE THOMPSON'S CARTOONS

Aldermen must take care of own business

When you go to a meeting of the Venice City Council, much of the time you will hear about all the troubles the city is facing and what bad shape it is in.

This was especially true after last week's meeting, but not for the obvious reasons.

Previously, a request had come from the new owner of a fast-food restaurant for a variance to allow a drive-through.

In most cities, granting a variance means going to the zoning board, then to the city council's zoning committee and then to the council. This is also the way it is supposed to happen in Venice.

Unfortunately nobody has been appointed to the zoning board.

And even worse, several members of the council's zoning committee didn't realize they were on that committee.

And even worse, one of those council members — Celestine Williams — was supposed to be the chairman of the committee, and didn't know that.

This is a fight which must be taken on and won, according to Mike Rogers, president of the Venice City Council.

The appalling thing is this is



Scott Cousins

not a committee that nobody should care about.

In most communities, the zoning board and zoning committees are active because people are doing things — building houses and businesses, adding garages, trying to develop property. But not in Venice.

At Tuesday's meeting, Mayor Tyrone Echols took part of the blame for not appointing anybody to the Zoning Board. But most of the blame should fall on aldermen who were not doing their job because they didn't even know it was their job to do.

It is also ironic that Williams and Alderman Ruby Johnson — also a member of the zoning committee, along with Alderman John Ervin — have complained about not being properly informed of the city's business.

Although there is probably some merit to their complaints, it's hard for them to be taken seriously about the rest of the city's business when they haven't even started to take care of their own.

Social workers are often asked why they do what they do. "By skeptical friends and family." The answer is simple: social workers have a love for life and their primary concern is helping people.

Letters to the editor

Social workers get tribute

TO THE EDITOR:

Professional social workers work on the front lines of human service delivery to help real people solve real problems. Tip of Illinois would like to pay special tribute to their social workers for all they do to help achieve lives of dignity and purpose until the end.

Health care social workers have that special quality that brings comfort and compassion to a hurting world. Some areas that Tip social workers are involved in but are not limited to are: support therapy, increasing public awareness, assessing patients' needs and acting on them when appropriate, initiating an adult grief support, fund-raisers for indigent patients, workshops, health fairs, assisting with living wills, powers of attorney, and just lending a shoulder to cry on.

Social workers are nondefensive, sensitive, caring and compassionate. They go beyond initial fears and embarrassments; they are comfortable with life's complexities. They also share a healthy acceptance of death and dying by allowing nature to take its course.

Social workers have learned to avoid giving advice, refrain from judging reactions or decisions, and allowing the patient and their loved ones to work through their illness.

Social workers are often asked why they do what they do. "By skeptical friends and family." The answer is simple: social workers have a love for life and their primary concern is helping people.

Our thanks to all Tip social workers for their continued efforts, hard work, and commitment to patients and their families in the area.

We are proud of you and thanks for a job well done!

JAN NATIONS, Tip of Illinois Hospice Program
PATRICIA TATE, Tip of Illinois Health Services Inc.

Mihalich in tune with area

TO THE EDITOR:

The voters of the 11th District need to know that we are not stuck with State Rep. Steve Davis — much longer. This fall, Davis will be opposed and beaten by Jim Mihalich.

Jim is exactly in tune with the needs of our community. Jim is pro-life and pro-gun.

He will not tolerate taxpayer subsidized abortions, nor will he allow do-gooder liberals to take funds away from law-abiding citizens.

Jim also has an excellent track record as a business leader in our community. Jim started as a laborer at Laclede Steel, then switched over to Ameritech, where he served as a technician and manager for 28 years. Upon retirement from Ameritech, he became executive vice president of the Growth Association. Jim understands labor, management and government, and he can bring the three together to create jobs and economic opportunity for our area.

Jim is a great candidate, and he will make a wonderful representative. Get on the band wagon now.

MARY NEAL MILFORD
Alton

Steel workers facing a threat

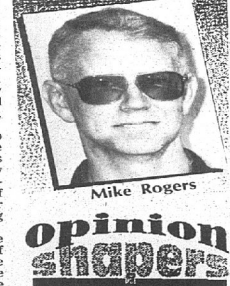
The recent dedication of our Triple G Line here at Granite City Steel has prompted me to submit this article I used in a recent Local 30 newsletter in an effort to help people understand a bit better what the threat is and to say "thanks" to this community.

On the 12th of July, I attended a United Steel Workers of America basic steel conference, which is just that: basic steel or the actual steel producers represented by the USWA. This conference was centered around the threat we, as steel workers, face with regard to mini-mills.

Such entities as "Nucor" will go into a community, any community, even one where an existing integrated mill is located, and convince that community to provide incentives for this entity to build a mini-mill facility, new and nonunion. These incentives take many forms, mostly revolving around some sort of tax breaks, returns, etc.

The promise, naturally, is to create employment for the community. What is not always seen is that although this new facility may employ 500 workers, it will be at the expense of that integrated steel producer whose products are now being undersold by the new facility.

The net result is the people in that community, many of which are employees of the integrated steel producer, are actually paying taxes to have someone steal their work and their jobs, and the integrated mill employing 3,000 workers can be eliminated or tremendously reduced — all to the detriment of the community.



Mike Rogers

opinion shapers

This whole scene is now taking on a new, even uglier aspect. One integrated steel producer, LTV, has decided to do the same sort of business by building its own mini-mill, employing the same tactics and at the expense of other union facilities and communities.

The USWA leadership, beginning with George Becker, the USWA international president, has taken great exception to this development. It was and is the USWA that pulled management into the contemporary world and forced modernization by rebuilding, rejuvenating and simply reinventing in our existing and producing facilities all done mostly through cooperative partnership agreements which bring the skills and knowledge of the employees into play.

LTV has such a cooperative partnership agreement and should be expected to work with USWA in much the same manner as we have done here at GCD with our Triple G Line going into an integrated steel producer with new technology to rebuild, rejuvenate and reinvent, all with the bottom line of preserving and enhancing what is already there and not destroying anything.

Whether we realize it or not, we here have helped to pioneer a new approach with implications much more far reaching than we knew.

President Becker even mentioned Granite City Steel and our local unions as an example of what is possible. However, unwitting as it may have been, we have helped our entire industry. There is absolutely no reason why new technology should not be infused into already existing facilities represented by the USWA. This is a fight which must be taken on and won, according to President Becker. If not won, then it should be obvious our overall power as an organization to bargain could be eroded. He went on further to say the entire steel industry could be jeopardized if we can't change management thinking, getting them to build on existing strengths like finishing — again our Triple G Line — to invest in advanced technologies and simple things like not selling scrap to mini-mill facilities.

One final thought is that the other integrated mills are watching what happens with LTV very closely.

Mike Rogers is president of the United Steel Workers of America Local 30.

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Swim shallow water first, Horton advises



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Ex-pitcher speaks at breakfast

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

As a professional baseball player, Rick Horton learned quickly that one must master the fundamentals before successfully completing the more difficult plays.

"Our human nature enjoys a challenge. We like to swim in deep water — we try to solve the world's problems — but we sometimes forget about the shallows," Horton said.

Horton, a former pitcher with the St. Louis Cardinals, Los Angeles Dodgers and Chicago White Sox and currently area director for the Greater St. Louis Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the featured speaker at the Granite City Rotary Club's Area Mayors' Prayer Breakfast March 19 at St. Gregory's Armenian Community Center.

"I have been fortunate enough to see (Cardinal shortstop) Ozzie Smith make some great plays. But those plays were only possible because of repetition of the easy plays. (As a child) Ozzie threw a tennis ball up against his garage door thousands of times every day to prepare himself.

"The deep water things are only possible because of the shallows," Horton told the crowd of about 500

attending the breakfast.

"Are we one nation under God? One nation under pleasure? One nation under materialism?" Horton asked. "We need to swim in the shallows."

"God is God ... and baseball is not. I need to wake up every morning and realize God is God," Horton said. "I'm not what I want to be. I'm not what I should be. But I thank God I'm not what I was."

Horton was a 21-year-old minor league pitcher searching for his identity when teammates Andy Van Slyke and Larry Reynolds introduced him to the Bible, Horton said.

Up until that time, "Fame, schooling, money and baseball tended to crowd out God," Horton said. "I thought my baseball number was my identity. I thought I knew everything up until that point. I am fortunate that I learned early in my career that my identity was not as an athlete, but as a child of God."

Horton had obtained a bachelor's degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia. He had a special interest in history, especially the Civil War, he said.

One day at a chapel service, someone asked the young pitcher if he was familiar with John 3:16.

"I had seen the guy with the wild hair at games carrying the John 3:16 sign, so I had heard of it. But I really would have preferred a question on Plato, Einstein or the Civil War," Horton said.

A 10-year-old batboy attending the service quoted the verse. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

"I realized at that point that I was stuck in deep water and didn't have enough of the shallows," Horton said. "It took teammates and a 10-year-old batboy to help me realize that God is first."

He began reading his Bible regularly — and liking it. "A house divided against itself will surely fall," Horton said. "What a great book. It quotes Abraham Lincoln."

Horton has applied his philosophy of "the basics" to the rest of his life.

One identity Horton has is that of the father of two children, Andrew, a kindergarten student, and Jennifer, a third grader.

Helping to coach Jennifer's basketball team has helped Horton appreciate the importance of the basics, he said. At first, the girls wanted to run with the ball without dribbling, or kick it. He had to begin with the basics — like, "This is the basket."

"Learning the shallow things will allow us to get on to the deep water things," Horton said.

Similarly, he is teaching (See HORTON, Page 9A)



Master of Ceremonies Eric Robertson gives some opening comments before introducing his friend, Nick Petrillo.

Rick Horton, above, speaks to the audience at the Mayors' Prayer Breakfast earlier this month about his life in baseball and the importance of God in his life. At right, Valerie Stevens plays the organ. Below, Katherine Sanderson and Carl Sanderson sing an inspirational song.



Making treasures from trials

New coach says faith, prayer helped him grow

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Less than 10 years ago, Nick Petrillo could have given up.

With a master's degree, he was probably the most overqualified school janitor in the country, serving as the lead night custodian at Evangel College in Springfield, Mo.

"When you don't have a job, you're not overqualified because you need a job," Petrillo told the crowd at the Rotary Mayors' Prayer Breakfast March 19.

Since that low point in his career, Petrillo has gone on to become an alderman, a teacher at Prather Elementary School and the new head coach of the Granite City High School varsity football team.

Looking back on a career already filled with peaks and valleys, Petrillo said God was always teaching him — leading him to the point he is at now.

"The Lord doesn't always meet your wants. But He does meet your needs."

Petrillo was "born again" on Feb. 25, 1979. He attended church and Bible study classes, was teaching physical education at Granite City High School and was working on his master's degree when he "confessed with (his) mouth the Lord Jesus and believed in (his) heart that God has raised Him from the dead..." (Rom. 10:9)

Anxious to share his newfound faith with

others, Petrillo helped start a local chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes on the GCHS campus.

But his career began an apparent decline in 1982, when the local school district significantly reduced its teaching force and Petrillo found himself without a job.

The setback was just the first in a series that Petrillo said has made him a better person and strengthened his faith.

Petrillo prayed about his situation and contacted Peru State University in Peru, Neb., his alma mater.

He took a job there — for a 50 percent cut in pay.

His wife renovated a condemned house and he moved his family to Nebraska.

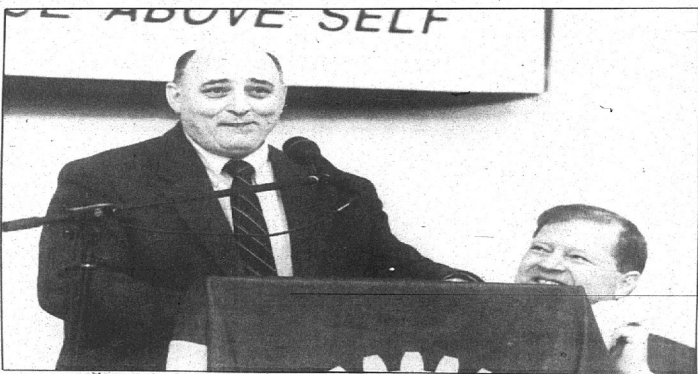
"The Lord does meet your needs," Petrillo said.

In 1985, Petrillo needed more money for his growing family, so he went to Nevada, Mo., where he took a job teaching fifth grade and coaching football. His wife renovated a home with three feet of water in the basement.

In March 1989, Petrillo took a leap of faith. He turned in his resignation to work on a business venture. But the venture never materialized, and Petrillo again found himself unemployed.

In June of that year, he interviewed for a head football and baseball coaching job at Ottawa University in Kansas.

But while Petrillo was told he scored the highest of those interviewed, the school hired a full-time track coach and used someone from the community for baseball while a graduate



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Nick Petrillo, a Granite City native and the new high school football coach, gives a testimonial at the prayer breakfast.

assistant took the reins of the football team.

"The Lord closed a door for us," Petrillo said.

In August, some jobs opened up in Granite City. But Petrillo didn't even get an interview.

Those circumstances led him to Evangel.

The lead night custodian also volunteered as a linebacker coach for the football team.

"We may have lacked. We may have wanted. But Jesus met our every need," Petrillo said.

In November, an elementary position opened up in Billings, Mo., just outside of Springfield.

Petrillo got the job.

Later, in February 1990, Petrillo went to

work at Lindenwood College.

Finally, in 1992, Petrillo was hired for a position in Granite City.

"Prayer and faith — that's what got us back home," Petrillo said.

The trials, Petrillo said, have better enabled him to understand others.

"Each experience was part of a worthwhile growing process," Petrillo said.

Rick Horton, former Cardinal pitcher, was impressed with Petrillo's testimony.

"To have a fifth grade teacher say he gets up and prays every morning makes me feel good for my (children)," Horton said.

How to...

How to select a cellular phone

Do you always get home at the same time every night? Most people don't. That is why many enjoy the convenience of a cellular telephone. Before buying a cellular phone, here are some things you should consider.

Choose the type of cellular phone that fits your needs.

Cellular phones come in three categories. Base your choice on how you will be using your phone.

- **Mobile phone.** This is a car phone, usually installed permanently with an antenna affixed to the rear window, the center of the roof or the trunk lid. Car phones are good for security when traveling, and are convenient if you are caught in heavy traffic.
- **Transportables.** These phones are usually more expensive than car phones and can weigh from a pound to up to 10 pounds with a battery pack. Transportables are also called bag phones because they are about the size of a handbag. Some models can be mounted and wired, but are easily removed and hooked to a battery.
- **Portables.** Also called hand-held, these cellular phones can be as small as a calculator and weigh just 7 ounces, with a battery pack. People who wear pagers use these phones because they can respond directly to a call.

Before buying a phone, shop for the service.

Even if you never use your phone to make a call, you will be charged access fees, which will run about \$200 to \$400 a year. Before choosing a service company, find out which one offers the better deal.

Are charges for a cellular phone the same as for a regular phone?

With few exceptions, cellular phone bills are a lot like regular phone bills. Cellular phone users are billed for outgoing and incoming calls. Airtime is charged in 60-second increments. The charges begin when you press "Send" and continue until you press "End."

TIP: Peak time hours are 7 a.m. to 7:59 p.m. Monday through Friday. Off-peak hours are 8 p.m. to 6:59 a.m. Monday through Friday, all day Saturday and Sunday, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Does my cellular phone come with special options?

Following is a list of features you may want to look for when purchasing a cellular phone.

- **Hands-free speakerphone.** If you plan to use your phone a lot when you are driving, a speakerphone is a much safer way to go, and is more convenient.
- **Alphanumeric memory.** Store up to 100 (or more) phone numbers in memory.
- **Any-button answer.** You can use any button to answer your phone — much safer than trying to locate a specific button.
- **Hot buttons.** This option provides speed dialing for up to three numbers, with just one button.

- **Car adapter.** If you buy a portable phone, get a car adapter with a 3-watt booster for use in your car.
- **Voice-activated dialing.** A safety feature used when driving.
- **Built-in pager.** Your phone acts like a pager, flashing each caller's number.

- **Dual or multi-NAM.** Your phone can be linked to two or more carriers, each with a different phone number. This is convenient if you live in St. Charles but travel to Chicago often. You could obtain a second number for Chicago and pay only the local rates in Chicago.
- **Computer and fax compatibility.** You can plug in a cellular fax or modem into the phone to transmit data.
- **Special services.** These include call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, no-answer transfer and voice mail. Costs for these services range from free to a few dollars per month.

Other common questions or concerns to keep in mind about cellular phones.

- What is roaming, and how are you charged for it?
- Does the company you're choosing have toll-free exchanges?
- What are the rate plans and are they convenient?
- What area is covered by your service company?
- Make sure you have a clear explanation of how and when you are billed.
- Choose a model that suits your needs. Car phones cost less than hand-held models and have greater power for clearer reception. For portables, look into the flip-phones.
- Make sure your area has digital service before buying a digital phone.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Eleanor Armour, sponsor of the Madison Middle School Co-ed Cheerleaders and Pep Club, serves tea to students as they listen to Dr. Mike Harmon praise the school's Project Success.

Tea honors 15 top students

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Madison Middle School students who have won awards or are participating in special programs were honored at a tea last week at the school.

Students honored include a spelling bee finalist, winners in a poster contest and participants in the school's cooperative program with Georgia Tech.

Students, teachers and other guests also got to hear from education specialist Dr. Mike Harmon, who spent several days at the school last week to prepare a report on the some of the programs the school is participating in.

That report will be placed on a computer bulletin board run by the company.

Harmon, an evaluation specialist with an Indianapolis educational consulting firm, PRC, said he was looking over some information the National Middle School Association has put out about the characteristics of a good middle school and realized Madison Middle School was doing most of them.

He said the six areas they were looking at in middle schools are: offering a challenging, integrative, exploratory curriculum; using varied teaching and learning approaches; use assessments and evaluations that promote learning; has a flexible organizational structure; has programs and policies that foster health, welfare and safety; and provides comprehensive guidance and support services.

"As I was reading through those characteristics I thought: 'Hey, here's a place that embodies a lot of those things and that's

really working toward meeting these goals,'" he said.

"Other educators can take a look at it, read this profile, and see what a middle school that is working toward this end looks like," he said.

Fifteen students were honored at the tea. Seventh-grader John Seiler was a finalist in the annual St. Louis Post Dispatch spelling bee. He made it to the fifth round, and was eighth in the over all standings for his group.

Four art students were honored for their participation in a poster contest sponsored by the Illinois Rehabilitation Association.

The four placed first through fourth in the contest. Art teacher Sherrell Byrd Jr. said the four each received cash prizes and ribbons for winning.

Winning first place was eighth-grader Richard Dunning; second place was eighth-grader Richard "Cole" Smith; third place was eighth-grader Kerwin Borney; and fourth place was seventh-grader Shenelle Johnson.

School Counselor Olivia Steptoe introduced eight students participating in an annual trip to Georgia Tech. Madison Middle School has a cooperative program with the college which allows selected students to participate in a week-long program.

Normally held in the summer, the program will take place in April this year because of the summer Olympic games in Atlanta, Steptoe said.

Participating this year are eighth-graders James Gardner III, Kevin Warner, Alaina Long, Deonna Madison, Kenyota Johnson, DeAndre Holmes and seventh-graders Kimberly Vasquez and Bradley Sipes.

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Obituaries

J. Mangiaracino

Joseph M. Mangiaracino, 84, of Granite City died at 8:20 p.m. Monday, March 25, 1996, at his residence after being ill for a few months. He was born Feb. 26, 1912, in Venice and had been a resident of Granite City for 47 years.

A carpenter with Carpenter Local 633 for 30 years prior to his retirement in 1985, he was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City, Granite City Eagles Lodge 1128 and the Italian-American Club in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Rosina (Gochett) Mangiaracino, whom he married in 1935; one son, Joe J. Mangiaracino, of Granite City; one daughter, Rosemary Paul of Fairfax, Va.; one sister, Rose Schuch of Granite City; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Caroline (Svezi) Mangiaracino; three brothers, Anthony, Dominic and John Mangiaracino; and one sister, Angela. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2300 Ponton Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials in the form of Masses to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and the Hospice of Madison County are suggested.

Auretta Santagato

Auretta M. (Kincaid) Santagato, 75, of Edwardsville died at 5:08 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at Madison Coun-

ty Nursing Home in Edwardsville. She was born Oct. 27, 1920, in St. Louis. A homemaker, she was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Granite City, the Granite City Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Quilters Club. She was a Sunday school teacher for 32 years.

Survivors include three daughters, Pat Sautter of Inaqua, Wash., Michael Santagato of Granite City, three sisters, Dorothy Brown of Houston, Esther Shane of Granite City and Betty Martin of Blue Ridge, Ga.; and two grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Santagato, who died Nov. 24, 1983; and her parents, Joseph and Frances (Cido) Kincaid.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3060 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Hope Lutheran Church, 3715 Wabash Ave. in Granite City, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are requested for epilepsy research or Hope Lutheran Church.

Michael Sanders

Michael Houston "Mike" Sanders, 27, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, March 21, 1996, at his residence. He was born Dec. 1, 1968, in Granite City.

A 1985 graduate of Granite City High School, he was employed with Ceramco Co. in Jackson, Mo.

Survivors include two sons, John Michael Sanders and Zachary Sanders, both at home; his mother, Dorothy J. Sanders, of Granite City; and his paternal grandparents, John and

Allice Sanders of Chaffee, Mo. Services were Sunday at Amick-Burns Funeral Home in Scott City, Mo. Burial was in Lightner Cemetery in Scott City.

Memorials to crime prevention are suggested.

Robert Jones

Robert Lee Jones Sr., 62, of Venice died at 8:24 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He was born in Venice. Mr. Jones was employed with Granite City Steel.

Survivors include four sons, Robert Lee Jones Jr. and Ronald and Randall Jones, all of Venice, and Troy Jones of Fort Campbell, Ky.; one daughter, Alecia Jones of Venice; one brother, Milton Jones of St. Louis; and nine grandchildren.

Services were March 16 at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice with the Rev. John Henry Williams officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Offner Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

Walter Hall

Walter Lee Hall II, 69, of Granite City died at 9:56 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at Werner Chapel Funeral Home, following a three-year illness. He was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

Manager of a filling station in Texas prior to his retirement, he was a member of the American Legion Post 13 in Granite City and AMVETS Post 204 in Madison.

Mr. Hall was a United States Army veteran and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include four sons, Bruce and Derrick, all of Granite City, and Walter Lee Hall III of Arlington, Texas; two daughters, Rebecca Hall of Granite City and Sara Hall of Tucson, Ariz.; four sisters, Joyce and Melinda Sanders and Mary and Richard Hills, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter Lee Hall and Ora Snyder Hall.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel Funeral Home, 3539 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach, where services are at 10 a.m. Friday with the Rev. Gus Faltor officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

John Gadwell

John J. Gadwell, 68, of Granite City died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He was born Aug. 17, 1927, in East St. Louis and had been a resident of Granite City since 1910.

A carpenter, he was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City and Carpenter Local 633. He was an Army veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine (Bauer) Gadwell, whom he married Sept. 9, 1934, in Waterloo; three daughters, Barbara Buser of Granite City and Connie Campbell and Beverly Page, both of Studio City, Calif.; two sons, Helen Gholio of Granite City and Barbara O'Master of California;

and three grandchildren. Services were Friday at Ellsinore Funeral Home, Ellsinore, by the Rev. Billy Joe Price. Burial is in Shiloh Cemetery, Ellsinore. Additional arrangements by McSpadden Funeral Home, Poplar Bluff. Memorials to Trails West Council Boy Scouts, 1055 Harrison, Wood River, Ill., 62095.

MCKENZIE, F. Marie (Powers), 70, of Granite City died at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 1996, at her residence. Services were Tuesday at Mercer Barrister Funeral Home, Granite City, by the Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City.

NICHOLS, Edward B., 77, of Granite City, formerly of Bellevue, died Saturday, March 23, 1996, at his residence. Services were Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road, Granite City. Memorials to American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

PERRIN, Lloyd D. Sr., 74, of Big Rock, Tenn., formerly of

and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mary (Decker) Gadow.

Visitation is from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Werner Chapel Funeral Home, 3539 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2300 Ponton Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

Lois Wolf

Lois M. (Patterson) Wolf, 80, of Granite City died at 11:25 a.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at Colonial Care Center in Granite City, following a four-year illness. She was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Portageville, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for 50 years.

A homemaker, she was a member of Central Christian Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, Carl C. Wolf, one son, Mark Rigby of Granite City, one daughter, Patti Wolfman of St. Louis, one brother, Gene Patterson of Santa Cruz, Calif.; five sisters, Louise Parkhurst of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Ruth Means of Yountville, Calif., and Mary Matthusch Blankenship of St. Louis; one grandchild; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Lewis Means of Portageville, who died in 1955; and her parents, Henry and Laura Wolf of Portageville, Mo. Mrs. Wolf's body was cremated.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Central Christian Church, 2200 Johnson Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Carrie Cullen officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon. Arrangements are being handled by Davis Funeral Home in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Lung Association.

Richard Bobo

Richard Bobo, 82, of French Village, Mo., died Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Sept. 15, 1913, in Bardwell, Ky.

Mr. Bobo was a member of Audubon Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Henley of Granite City; two stepsons, Thomas Evans of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Lewis Evans of French Village; one sister, Arminia Blankenship of St. Louis; one grandchild; 13 great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine (Rulo) Bobo; one stepdaughter, Betty Hanks; one parent, Robert and Arlene (Shepard) Bobo; and one sister, Iva Brown and Jesse May Fleming.

Visitation is from 3 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel Funeral Home in Bonne Terre, Mo. Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at Audubon Freewill Baptist Church. Burial will be in Bonne Terre Cemetery.

Roberta Mikulait

Roberta Marie "Bobbie" (Prazma) Mikulait, 52, of Collinsville died at 2:56 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at her residence. She was born Dec. 29, 1943, in Granite City.

A secretary and customer service representative with Vigoro Industries

in Fairview Heights prior to her retirement, she was a member of St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Collinsville.

Survivors include her husband, James J. Mikulait, whom she married May 15, 1965, in Granite City; one son, James A. Mikulait of Collinsville; one daughter, Carla Patterson of Fairview Heights; her mother, Rosemary Prazma of Granite City; four brothers, Louis, Edward, Kenneth and John Prazma, all of Granite City; and three sisters, Roseann Blanton and Patricia Prazma, both of Granite City, and Phyllis Hoff of Edwardsville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis T. and Helen L. (Burns) Prazma; and one sister, Lois Ann Prazma.

Visitation was to be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Herbert A. Kasaly Funeral Home, 515 Vandallia St. in Collinsville.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 207 Vandallia St. in Collinsville, with the Rev. Michael Jenkins officiating. Burial will be in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are requested for the American Diabetes Association.

Johnnie Harris

Johnnie Harris, 89, of Madison died at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 1996, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He was born in Yacoo, Mo.

Mr. Harris was a forklift operator with the Madison Warehouse Corporation prior to his retirement.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Harris; five sons, Rayford Harris of St. Louis, Johnnie Harris of Charlotte, N.C., Daniel Harris of Madison, Larry Harris of St. Louis and Bernard Harris of Venice; three daughters, Mary Cooper of St. Louis, Yvonne Harris of Yacoo, Mo., and Edna Mae Harris of Madison; three brothers, Booker T. Harris of Madison, McKinley Harris of Louisiana and Thomas Harris of St. Louis; one sister, Josephine Harris of Jackson, Miss.; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Services were March 19 at Quinn African Methodist Episcopal Church in Madison with the Rev. Les Pittman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Gardens of Memory in Millstadt.

Arrangements were handled by Offner Funeral Home in East St. Louis.

Pacific topic of discussion

"Economic Cooperation in the Asian Pacific: Openings for the U.S.?" will be the topic of the April 3 session of the Great Decisions program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

This non-credit program meets each Wednesday in the Mississippi Room of the University Center from 10:50 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Great Decisions is sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent organization devoted to world affairs education for the general public. The purpose of the series is to help people gain a better understanding of significant issues in U.S. foreign policy and to stimulate constructive and informed citizen participation in world affairs.

Registration is \$1 for individual programs.

For information call Paula Kanyo, coordinator of Community Programs and Publications at the university, at 692-3209.

Meeting changed

The regular monthly meeting of the Venice Town Board will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, instead of Monday, April 8, at the Venice Township office, 910 Madison Ave., Madison.

Plant

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similar plants in Michigan, and the unavailability of a hearing transcript at Madison city hall.

Opponents filed an objection to the Madison city council's approval of the plant siting following a four-day hearing in late July.

The board's decision can be appealed to the appellate court by either the city or developer, Wallace said.

Nighohossian said he has not seen the board's ruling, and could not comment on the appeal until he did.

Aldermen also asked if there were any other types of incentives they could offer that could keep the project going.

Nighohossian said he had talked to Vrtis, but there was nothing he could talk about at this time.

On Wednesday John Papa, attorney for Vrtis, said he talked to the hearing officer about the decision but has not seen a copy yet. Papa said he has received no instructions from Vrtis.

In a related matter, Vrtis also asked for all bills relating to the plant siting. As part of an agreement with the city, developers will pay for all expenses.

The council approved payment of two of those bills, legal bills totaling \$3,206.25. That included a bill for \$9,893.76 for hearing officer Charles King, an Edwardsville attorney, and a \$27,312.50 bill from Nighohossian.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BAUMBERGER, Mary E. (Keeney), 77, of Granite City died at 5:52 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Saturday at St. John United Church of Christ, Granite City, by the Rev. Dick Mann. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Granite City. Arrangements by Davis Funeral Home, Granite City. Memorials to St. John United Church of Christ.

BESSERMAN, Elwood James, 50, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 10:10 a.m. Thursday, March 21, 1996, at his residence. Services were Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. Francis Tebangura. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City. Memorials to Masses or the Hospice of Madison County.

BIGGS, Lola M. (Bennett), 81, of Ponton Beach died at 5:15 p.m. Friday, March 22, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Tuesday at Werner Chapel Funeral Home, 3539 Lake Drive in Ponton Beach, by the

Rev. Henry Crippen. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Word of Life Tabernacle Building Fund, Granite City.

BONE, Estella L. (Ashby), 74, of Granite City died at 9:10 a.m. Friday, March 22, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. Services were Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Mark Powell. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

COURTRIGHT, Vivian L. (Miller), 82, of Granite City died at 11:40 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 1996, at Collinsville Care Center, Collinsville. Services were Tuesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials to Salvation Army, Granite City.

DUGAN, Karla D. (Tidwell), 32, of Granite City died Sunday, March 24, 1996. Services were Wednesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Ponton Beach, by the Rev. Jerry Leibold. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

LEGRAND, Clea (Wisecarver), 86, of Ellsinore, Mo., died Sunday, March 19, 1996, at Poplar Bluff, Mo. Services

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Granite City, died Saturday, March 23, 1996, at Clarksville Memorial Hospital, Clarksville. Services were Monday at Anglin Funeral Home, Dover, Tenn., by the Rev. John R. Richards. Burial in Hefflin Cemetery, Dover.

THARP, Beatrice L., 85, of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Granite City and Collinsville, died Sunday, March 24, 1996, at the Bradley Center in Charlotte. Graveside services and burial were Wednesday in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Service, Charlotte, and Kurrus Funeral Home, Bellevue. Memorials to the Collinsville Memorial Public Library, 408 W. Main St., Collinsville, Ill., 62234.

WILLIAMS, Emel (Raney), 83, of Granite City died Friday, March 22, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Tuesday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Ponton Beach, by the Rev. Ben Leonard. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Assembly of God, Granite City.

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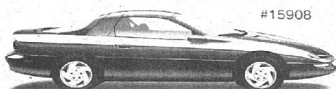
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County says waste reduction plan working

Madison County officials plan to tell the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that the county has made significant strides in waste reduction and recycling and that its programs are growing.

The County Board has approved a required five-year update of the county's solid waste management plan. The original plan and the update were developed in cooperation with officials of St. Clair and Monroe counties.

"We continue to focus on our recycling program," Joe Parente, Madison County building, zoning and environmental coordinator, said.

The update notes that the county has adopted a residential recycling ordinance that mandates separation of recyclables from household waste

beginning July 1. License restrictions on haulers will bar collection or disposal of waste unless recyclables have been separated.

The county's solid waste program has helped local governments, schools and businesses implement recycling programs and educate residents.

The updated plan calls for the county to continue and expand those efforts, seek recycling of more materials and improved methods of handling landscape wastes, sponsor development of a network of containers for drop-off recycling and continue development of a materials exchange program.

Expanded landfill capacity in the area has made it unnecessary for the counties to become involved in landfill development, the report states. "Based on present waste generation and disposal practices, the region has landfill capacity adequate to its needs

for at least 10 years," according to the report.

Waste combustion for energy production remains a part of the plan but is not considered economically feasible in the short run.

"The plan still indicates that waste-to-energy facilities are preferred, but it doesn't appear they will be feasible in the next five years," Parente said.

Lack of viable markets for energy, high operating costs, high tipping fees and the availability of landfill space at relatively low cost make waste-to-energy facilities unattractive for the time being, he said.

The proposed Polsky Energy Corp. wood-energy plant in Wood River's EnviroTech Business Park appears dead, at least for the short-run, after Gov. Jim Edgar signed a bill repealing the retail rate law that made such plants economically viable.

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Stallings brings winning ways to ISU

From the time I watched Kevin Stallings as a basketball player at Collinsville High School, I've been impressed. In recent days, while officials at the University of Illinois searched for a replacement for the retiring Lou Henson and found one in Florida's Lon Kruger, I continued to consider Stallings, whose credentials feature much more than just three seasons of winning at Illinois State University.

If you'd rather form your opinion according to someone else's viewpoint rather than GOA (Good Old Art), try these excerpts on Stallings from the ISU sports information department prior to the 1995-96 season.

"After 17 seasons as either a collegiate player or coach, Stallings can lay claim to a whopping 15 postseason appearances (now 18 in 19 with this year's NIT appearance). In 1994-95, ISU posted its first 20-win season in 10 years, and the Redbird basketball guide continues: 'The unquestioned architect of the thrilling campaign was Stallings, now commonly referred to as one of the brightest young basketball minds (age 35) in the country.'"

"While Stallings' ISU players are slapping high fives with one hand, they are grabbing diplomas with the other. Of the nine seniors who have played under Stallings, seven already have their degrees, while the other two will finish in the '95-96 school year.'"

Stallings, who is in his first head coaching position, got the ISU job on April 29, 1993, becoming the 15th head basketball coach in school history. His record of winning on a national level, in programs laden with integrity, no doubt swayed the decision.

Before accepting the ISU position, he spent five years as an assistant coach to Roy Williams at Kansas. During that time, the Jayhawks were 132-38 with three Big Eight titles and four trips to the NCAA Tournament, including two appearances in the Final Four.

Prior to Kansas, Stallings was an assistant to Gene Keady for six seasons at Purdue. The Boilermakers were 140-44 during that time with three Big Ten titles and six NCAA trips.

As a player, Stallings helped Purdue to three postseason appearances, including a 27-4 record and a third-place finish in the Final Four his sophomore season with the Boilermakers.

An all-star at Collinsville under legendary coach Vergil Fletcher, Stallings led Belleville Area College to a 28-9 record in 1978-79 and the school's first NCAA national journey trip.

From player to assistant coach to head coach, winning has been a consistent trait for Stallings.

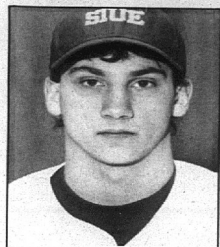
Following last week's third-round National Invitation Tournament game, an 83-72 loss to Tulane, Stallings had a three-season record of 16-11, 20-13, and 22-12 and two second-place Missouri Valley regular season finishes for a head-coaching mark of 57-35.

However, if you total the records related to Stallings as a collegiate player, assistant coach and head coach, it comes to 408-148 for 73% percent — a figure that would even be higher if Kevin's records at Collinsville were included.

The holder of a degree in management/marketing from Purdue and a master's degree, Stallings also is smart enough to surround himself with youthful, energetic assistant coaches at Illinois State — including 38-year-old King Rice, 41-year-old Tom Richardson and 35-year-old Jeff Wurblun.

Ask me to name ISU's leading players and I'll fumble through the press guide to find Maurice Trotter, 6-4 senior from Lawrence, Kan., Dan Muller, 6-6 sophomore from Lafayette, Ind., and Jamar Smiley, a 5-11 sophomore from Hempstead, N.Y.

Ask me to name the star of Illinois State, and I'll say, "Kevin Stallings."

Jeff Ridenour
SIUE sophomore

GCHS girls fare well in first outdoor test

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City girls track team got the outdoor season off to a good start last week, going up against two top track programs.

Granite City finished third in a triangular meet March 21 with O'Fallon and Edwardsville.

The Warriors finished with 25 team points, behind O'Fallon's 83 and Edwardsville's 69. Granite City had one first-place winner, one individual and one team each finished second, and the Warriors had a large group of third- and fourth-place finishers.

"We're talking about two of the top girls teams in the entire area in O'Fallon and Edwardsville," said GCHS coach Gene Briggs.

"We did what we really needed to, and that (was) get out and get some performances under our belts. And doing that against these teams is very helpful. It tells us the direction we need to go. This was a very valuable meet."

Stephanie Brandt began her

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

If Jeff Ridenour keeps learning at this pace, he's going to go straight to the top of the class: the Major Leagues.

Ridenour, 19, is a sophomore pitcher-outfielder for the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville baseball team. After a solid freshman year at SIUE, Ridenour had a strong summer season with the Granite City Clippers of the Mon-Clair Baseball League.

Now he's pitching better than ever, and the scouts are watching.

"I feel like I've been playing pretty well," Ridenour said. "I need to become better at closing games, and finishing what I start. I've learned a lot from my

coaches."

The Cougars' head coach is Gary "Bo" Collins, and the pitching coach is Joe Silkwood.

"Coach Collins is great to play for, and he treats you like a man," Ridenour said. "He wants to win, and if we mess up he yells at us, but he never seems to let anything get to him. Coach Silkwood has been great, too, and I've learned a lot from him, too."

The Cougars began the season on a hot streak. After losing two of their first three games, they traveled to Florida and won nine of 10. At one time, they were ranked No. 7 in the nation in NCAA Division II. But after that, the Cougars struggled a bit, and until they won their last two games they had been in a 2-4 rut.



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hopeful return to state by earning a top finish in the discus throw.

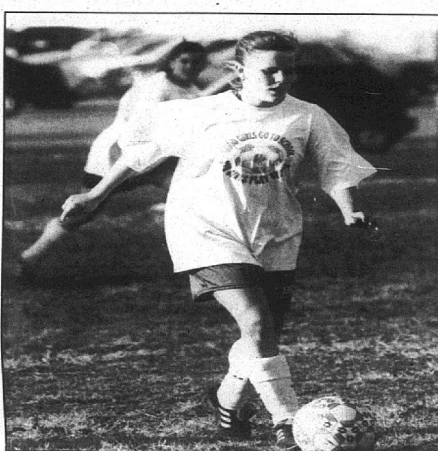
Her best toss was 113 feet, 9 inches on a cold, windy day. Also in the discus, Beth Feenstra placed third with a throw of 96-1.

Feenstra also added a third-place finish in the shot put, with a distance of 29-2.

Placing second in the 1,600-meter run was senior Nichole Done, who ran a solid 5:53. Also finishing second was the 1600-meter relay team, with Done and Holly Ryan both placing second.

Ragan (1:15) and Heather Bell (1:19) rounded out the team's time 4:58.

Placing third at the meet (See GCHS, Page 38)



Brandy Ficker dribbles upfield during practice. The Lady Warriors will take on Wood River in a home match at 4:30 p.m. today.

Long run with Flyers ends for Shannon

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

After leaving one legacy behind, Bob Shannon is ready to begin another.

On March 19, Shannon was officially hired as the new head football coach at Alton High School — replacing Collis James, who resigned after last season.

The District 11 School Board voted 7-0 to hire Shannon, who was one of three finalists for the job. Shannon resigned his position as coach at East St. Louis Senior High School last September, before the team's second game of the season against Sumner.

After all of the controversy surrounding that move, Shannon now put it all behind him and look ahead to being on the sidelines once again.

Shannon, who coached at East Side for 19 years, guided the Shannon Flyers to six state titles, two national championships and a 193-33 record. He helped bring national acclaim to the program before stepping down last fall.

"That was the hardest thing of all, not being there to coach during the football season," Shannon said. "I'd been doing that every year for some 28 years, and it felt strange not to be doing it last fall."

"But that's all in the past now. I have no hard feelings against anyone. I'm just happy that the Alton board felt that I was the man to help this program. It won't be easy, but it's not supposed to be."

Shannon was not present at the board meeting, although several of his supporters were. A crowd present at the meeting was jubilant when the news was announced.

Shannon will assume the role of assistant athletic director at Alton, and will not teach in the classroom. He said recently that although he has always enjoyed teaching, he felt that at his age it would be difficult to both teach and coach.

Shannon's appointment last week coincided with the resignation of Ed Hightower — the nationally respected college basketball official and Alton assistant superintendent. Hightower left to accept the superintendent position at Edwardsville.

Shannon and Hightower are good friends, and Shannon admitted that Hightower may have played a role in the scenario at Alton.

"I'm not trying to be coy, you understand, but I will say that he did have a small part in all of this," Shannon said. "I did hear about the opening from him, and I learned of the commitment to excellence by the Alton program from him. He had a lot of strings for Ed Hightower, and I'm sure that's why he pulled any strings for Bob Shannon."

It would seem that Shannon can pull his own strings. He oversaw a phenomenal run of success in almost two decades at East Side. More than that, Shannon has the reputation for being a master motivator, and a great inspiration to the players he has coached.

Shannon had received coaching offers from other schools in north St. Louis County, he said. Shannon lives in Florissant, Mo.

In fact, the area job openings forced Shannon to ask the East St. Louis school board for (See SHANNON, Page 38)

Warriors stack up in Collinsville meet

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City boys track team enjoyed a successful day at Collinsville on Tuesday, as it stayed right with three of the better prep track programs in the Metro East.

Granite City placed fourth in the meet, but its 52 points was right up there with Collinsville (62), O'Fallon (80) and meet winner Belleville West (82).

"You're talking about two very good teams in West and O'Fallon," said GCHS coach Gene Briggs. "And Collinsville has done a lot to improve the standard of that program. So being in the ballpark with these three puts us at a very competitive level."

The Warriors placed 17 competitors in all, and had one first-place finish and five second-place finishes.

Sophomore Dane Bauer con-

tinues to make his presence felt, as he topped the field by winning the 200-meter dash in a time of 24.6 seconds. Bauer also placed second in the 100-meter dash in 11.2 seconds.

Two other individuals placed second in their events. Sophomore Chris Findall turned in a 56.1 time in the 400-meter dash, and junior Kelly Huckelberry was second in the high jump at 5 feet, 4 inches. Huckelberry also placed fourth in the 300-meter hurdles (45.9).

Also placing second at the meet were the 800- and 1600-meter relay teams. Each member of the 800-meter team turned in solid legs of 24.5 seconds or better, led by Matt Hartin's 23.8. The team finished in 1:36.4. Also running were Curtis Howard (24.0) and Shane Brown (24.1) and Steve Logan (24.5).

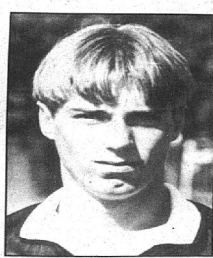
The 1600-meter team, which finished in 3:50.9, was led by

Howard's 56.3. Also running on the team were Logan (57.9), Brown (56.0) and David Zellerman (60.7).

Three individuals and two teams each placed third. Jeremy Smith was third behind Huckelberry in the high jump (5-4). Dane Bauer and seven teammates were third in the long jump (18-1). Team-mate Brett Clark was right behind Mennemeyer in fourth place (17-11).

Hartin was also third in the 200-meter dash (25.3).

Teams placing third were the 3200-meter relay (11:23) and the 400-meter relay (46.1).

Dane Bauer
GCHS sophomore

Team members for the 3200- (See WARRIORS, Page 28)

Van Buskirk backbone of Culver-Stockton defense

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Culver-Stockton College football team finished its year off in style in its final game of the season in November. The game also marked the end of a memorable football career for Granite City native Bill Van Buskirk.

Van Buskirk, who will graduate from Culver-Stockton in May, finished his career on the same type of high note. In his final game against Quincy University, Van Buskirk had 13 tackles, 11 of which were initial hits, two tackles-for-losses and two quarterback sacks.

During the 1995 season, the GCHS alum registered 104 tackles, including 52 unassisted drops. That far and away led the Wildcats team. He also had five sacks, and recovered two fumbles — one for a touchdown.

Not bad for a guy who was playing his first year at inside linebacker, after being converted from the strong safety position.

Van Buskirk said everyone shared in the success of the team's defense. Culver-Stockton finished the season 5-5 overall.

"It's hard to say what our defense was like, but every body played a part in it," he said. "Everyone did what they had to do, and that made us a successful unit."

"We were supposed to have a couple of inside linebackers returning this past year, but one transferred and another got hurt. They didn't recruit any inside linebackers, so they kind of got in a bind."

Wildcat coach Al Tamborelli said the entire team owes a debt of gratitude to Van Buskirk.

"It's not every day that you find a player who can make that kind of switch, do it successfully and basically anchor the defense," Tamborelli said.

"Our whole defense came together as one, and it fed over to the offense. They were confident that our defense could hold the other team."

The numbers prove Tamborelli right. When the Wildcats won, they did so in low-scoring games. On the season, the Wildcats — even though they were a 5-0 team — were outscored 251-157. And in the season-ending win over Quincy, Culver-Stockton squeaked by with a 9-6 win.

(See VAN BUSKIRK, Page 28)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

Granite City's Rocky Smith rounds second base. The Warriors are scheduled to play host to Waterloo in a nonconference game at 4:15 p.m. today.

•Ridenour

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"And (Clippers manager) Daren DePew helped me a lot, too. After all, he was my pitching coach when I was in high school. I picked up a mile-per-hour or two on my fastball, and that helped."

"Plus, just being around (Clippers pitcher) Darin Hendrickson helped as well. I watched him hit the corners, and I learned from him that sometimes you just have to throw the ball in there and make them hit it."

Ridenour is currently 3-2 on the season, with an earned-run average around 3.00. He said he still needs to gain more

velocity on his fastball, and work on another "out pitch," such as a better curve or changeup.

But he said with the staff the Cougars have, there's never any pressure on him to be the ace.

"We've got lots of capable guys to go for us on any day, and we can score a lot of runs when we're in a groove," Ridenour said. "I've been hitting off and on, but I'm not really hitting the ball like I can."

Ridenour is the team's fourth outfielder, and he has played one game there so far this season.

The Cougars, however, have

had trouble with their field this year, and have yet to play at home. STUE has had to play all 20 of its games on the road.

One of their rescheduled games was played at Granite City's Varsity Field, but Ridenour didn't get to show his stuff to the home crowd.

"I didn't play, but I still enjoyed being back on my old high school field," he said. "It's just pretty much sat there and watched, but I don't care as long as the team wins. I think the chances are pretty good we could make it to the national tournament this year. We just need to play more consistent ball."

•Van Buskirk

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Van Buskirk, 22, was eventually named to the all-Heart of America Athletic Conference third team. To top that, he was also named recently to the NAIA All-American honorable mention team.

"It felt good to be recognized, but I had lots of teammates who helped me succeed this year," Van Buskirk said.

"I couldn't have done anything without them."

Van Buskirk is studying criminal justice at Culver-Stockton, and is not sure what his plans will be once he graduates. He said he will return to the Granite City area for a while, but he's unsure if he wants to settle here or in Denver, Colo.

"A lot of my real good friends in college are from Denver," he said. "It's a real

nice place."

But he said inside linebacker was the most fun he'd had playing football in a long time.

"It seemed like I had something to do on every play, and I was always involved," he said. "It was a great way to wrap up my career here. I'm real happy that I chose this school to attend. I have no regrets at all."

•Warriors

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meter team were George Wolfe, George Haldeman, Robert Lampitt and Jeff Hassell. Hartin, Logan, Bauer and Brown made up the 400-meter team.

In the 100-meter hurdles, Matt Bringer was fourth (17.7) and Huckelberry was fifth (17.8). Wolfe was fourth in the triple jump at 37.9, and John Gardiner placed fifth in the shot put, with a throw of 42.96.

"It was a cold and windy day, so these results are very

encouraging," Briggs said. "Track is a very demanding sport, and you don't have teammates that can take up the slack for you in an event."

"I had several guys competing in three events, but I didn't want to put them in four. That would have been too much. You have to be extremely careful on a day like that."

The Warriors suffered a blow last week when senior Larry Wiegard, heavily counted on this year, suffered a broken leg in practice. Wiegard was running on the track when he tried to avoid colliding with

other runners.

Briggs said Wiegard's break was not severe, meaning he could be back in action in four to six weeks. Of course, that would leave little time to get back into shape for the regionals, which begin in mid-May.

The boys' team has a freshman-sophomore meet Friday at O'Fallon, which will prepare them for the frosh-soph meet next Thursday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The varsity squad's next meet is April 6 at the Belleville West Invitational.



Patrick McKechan (left) of the Independiente U-13 soccer team takes on O'Fallon's Jacob Rodick during action at the Collinsville Pre-Easter Classic. The tournament was held March 17 at the Collinsville Sports Complex.

Sports shorts

Christmas in April

The Legacy Golf Course will hold a Christmas in April benefit golf tournament Saturday, March 30. The 18-hole, four-person scramble event will get off to a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

The entry fee is \$50 per person, or \$200 per team. Fee includes use of golf cart, greens fees and food. Longest drive and closest to pin contests will also be held. Cash prizes for championship teams will start at \$300. For more information, call the Legacy Golf Course at 931-4653. Deadline for entry is March 28.

Proceeds benefit efforts for rehabbing homes of the low income elderly and disabled.

Baseball BBQ

The GCHS baseball parents will hold an all-day barbecue on Saturday, April 6, at Erway's Restaurant in Granite City. The proceeds of the barbecue will help offset the cost of new baseball uniforms.

Tickets are available from any baseball parent and can be purchased in advance or at Erway's on the day of the event.

Donkey basketball game The Granite City High School Varsity Club will hold its annual donkey basketball games April 9 at Memorial Gymnasium. The main game features Granite City teachers against the Granite City Police Department. A second game will feature Varsity Club members versus the high school students.

Pontoon Khoury League

The Pontoon Beach Khoury League Inc. will be holding sign-ups for its T-Ball, baseball and softball leagues. The sign-ups will be taken at the Pontoon Beach Community Hall, 390 Illinois 111, during the month of March.

Sign-ups will be held each Wednesday and Thursday of the month. Interested parties should bring a birth certificate and a photograph. Umpires are also needed this year. For more information, call Ida at 797-5477, Tracy at 931-1291 or Cheryl at 583-6705.

Soccer registration

The Granite City Soccer Club, the joint organization formerly known as the Quad-Cities Soccer Association and the Madison County Girls Soccer Association, is still taking open registration for boys and girls born from 1983-92.

The registration fee is \$30 per child and covers both the spring and fall seasons. For more information, call the soccer hotline at 876-9000.

Park District leagues

The Granite City Park Dis-

trict is now accepting entry fees for all T-ball, youth baseball, ponytail softball and all adult softball programs.

Player and team registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office. The Park District also needs volunteer coaches for all youth programs. The Park District will make every effort to find a team for any child wanting to play baseball or softball this year.

SLUH camps

St. Louis U. High will offer four separate weeks of basketball camp opportunities for boys in grades 3-8. The week-long sessions will be held June 10-14 and 17-21 and July 15-19 and 22-26.

The camps will be under the direction of Junior Bilikens coach Don Maurer, and will feature former SLUH players as well as other former local players. The fee for the camp is \$60. For more information, call 314-531-0330, extension 157.

The high school will also hold a football camp during the week of June 10-14. The camp is for grade school boys entering grades 3-8, and will be held at SLUH Stadium on Oakland Avenue in St. Louis.

The camp will be directed by SLUH football coach Gary Kornfeld, and will be non-contact in nature. The fee for the camp is \$45. For more information, call Terry at 314-531-0330, extension 171.

Celtic United 3v3 tourney

The Celtic United Soccer Club is hosting the Second Annual Valley View 3 V 3 Soccer Tournament, on April 27-28 and May 3-4 at Duchesne Park in Morris, Mo. Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Celtic United Soccer Club, which operates select soccer teams for boys and girls.

The tournament is open to boys and girls teams from kindergarten through high school, and men's and women's teams to the over-30 age group. Teams are limited to four players, with three players on the field at one time plus one substitute.

The cost is \$60 per team, with a three-game guarantee. Registration and fees must be received by April 5. For more information, call Terry at 314-831-2944 or 314-837-3747.

Renegades softball

The Renegades women's 18-over fastpitch softball team has openings for an experienced pitcher and catcher for league and tournament play. Interested players should call Charles or Julie at 1-800-272-8814.

Scramble tourney

The Rawlins Softball Golf Tournament, a four-player scramble, will be held April 13 at Belk Park Golf Club. For more information, call Glen at (314) 939-0004 after 6 p.m.

Notre Dame golf tourney

Notre Dame High School's Alumnae Association is sponsoring the school's first annual golf tournament on Saturday, April 27 at The Country Club at Sugar Creek.

The tournament is open to the public and will begin with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. The fee of \$65 per person includes greens fees, cart rental, luncheon, drinks and numerous hole and attendance prizes.

Golfers are welcome to register as four-person team or individuals to be assigned to a foursome. The reservation deadline is April 1. For more information or for reservations, call Susan Rothwell at 314-544-4221. Tournament proceeds will fund Notre Dame's ongoing improvements in technology throughout the school. Several students from Illinois attend the school, which is located in St. Louis.

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Hewto...

Prolong the life of your car

Owners of well-maintained older vehicles can often expect a good deal when it comes time to trade in that vehicle on a newer model. You don't have to be a mechanic, or hire one, to follow the most important rule in preserving a car: Drive safely and properly.

Forethought, driving techniques can help preserve a car's life

Try to plan where you are going, for two reasons. First, you can save fuel if you take efficient routes. Second, you will be able to take your time instead of rushing around and chancing an accident.

Avoid unnecessary loads. Empty your car of useless weight. Place heavy objects near the car's center so that weight is evenly distributed.

Walk around your car before driving it. Doing so could reveal a tire in need of air or some obstacle that will block your car's path.

Keep the car's windows clean.

Make sure you have two side mirrors, plus a rear view mirror, and that they are properly positioned. Always be sure to look back and check your blind spot.

Don't ride with your foot on the clutch and try not to hold your car stationary on a hill by using the clutch pedal. Both of these mistakes can result in a clutch that needs replacement before its time.

Keep the fuel tank near full in cold weather to avoid water condensing in the fuel system.

Try to use your cruise control to maintain a steady speed. Remember that your car's efficiency is at its maximum at 50 mph.

Routinely check basics such as oil level and belts

In the heralded good ol' days, gas station attendants not only filled your car with gas but also looked under the hood to check oil level, belts and other important items. Now drivers may go months without checking the engine compartment. Generally, you should check the engine oil level weekly all year round, and the coolant level and the tire pressure weekly during cold weather.

Items that need to be checked monthly include window washer fluid, brake fluid, power steering fluid level and lights. Also, look at your belts and radiator hoses to make sure they aren't cracked.

Change your oil every 3,500 miles. You can do this yourself, but oil often can be changed almost as inexpensively at service shops. An advantage to getting oil changed at a service shop is that the employees will also do undercarriage inspections, lubricate any necessary spots and properly dispose of the used oil.

In general, replace the car's spark plugs every 30,000 miles, sooner if the car feels sluggish.

About every six months you should check or have checked the suspension, transmission, fuel level, exhaust system and muffler, and the emergency brake.

You will also want to check windshield wiper blades and the air pressure in your spare tire.

Some items on your car will need to be replaced every year or two. Check vacuum hoses and replace if they are cracked, and replace your air, fuel and PCV filters.

To avoid unnecessary wear on tires, rotate them every year or so.

Usually you can depend on having to replace some items, such as distributor caps, batteries, shock absorbers and spark plug wires, about every three or four years.

Be aware of recommended service schedules

Just how often you need to service your car may also vary depending on how often and where you drive it and what type of car you have. The vehicle manufacturer will make some servicing recommendations, but remember that these are based on tests that they run on the cars, not the way you may use a car over the years.

You can consult a good mechanic or service manager to find out when items should be checked or replaced. Another good source is your local library, which carries plenty of books on automobile care and maintenance.

Record all services and repairs performed on your car

Finally, record the checks and repairs you make on your car in an automotive log that lists the purpose of the repair, where it was done, the invoice number, the cost and the odometer reading. When it comes time to sell or trade your car, you can ask top dollar because you can prove it's been meticulously maintained.

Hewto...

Plant a tree and keep it growing

Trees can bring enjoyment, beauty and shade to a front yard or garden. And trees provide a valuable environmental service. As it grows, every newly planted tree conditions the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and returning life-giving oxygen.

Select the type of tree you want.

If you want a shade tree, consider a red or white oak. For colorful autumn foliage, you should consider a sugar maple, ash, American elm, sweetgum or dogwood.

Or, if you're looking for a flowering tree, perhaps one that bears fruit, consider a crab apple, cherry or pear tree.

Fruit trees often require special care. Fledgling planters should consider asking a nursery for planting and maintenance tips.

Pick a suitable site.

Site selection is very important. You need enough space and the right soil.

If you wish to plant what will become a large shade tree, you will need an open area 40 to 60 feet in circumference. Avoid planting a tree too close to your home.

If you can, have the soil tested to see if it has the proper nutrients. Urban and suburban soils often are imported from somewhere else. They are usually compacted after contractors deposit them on home sites.

Go to a nursery and find a tree that suits your needs. Ask questions. Shop around.

Prepare the planting area.

Use a tiller or shovel to loosen and mix an area of soil that is five times the diameter of the tree's root ball. The soil should be loosened to a depth equal to the height of the root ball. Organic matter can be added to the loosened soil as long as the new material is used uniformly throughout the whole area.

In the center of the prepared area, dig a hole in which to plant the tree. The hole should be deep enough to allow the top of the root ball to be level with the top of the hole.

Place the tree in the ground.

When planting the tree, the root ball should rest on solid, not loosened, soil. After the tree is securely in place, cut and remove the rope or wires holding the burlap in place around the ball and remove the burlap. Position the tree so that it is perpendicular to the ground and the main stem is growing straight up.

Backfill around the roots and gently pack the soil to prevent major air pockets. Do not pack the soil too hard. Use water instead of your foot to settle the soil.

Rake the soil evenly over the entire area and cover it with 2 to 4 inches of mulch, such as bark, wood chips, old sawdust, pine needles, rotting leaves or the like.

Take care not to pile the mulch against the tree trunk. Keep it at least 2 inches away.

Water and nourish the tree.

Keep the tree watered during dry spells. Use nutrients if necessary. Ask your nursery which ones are recommended for your tree and soil.

Tree spikes are effective but probably the most expensive way to nourish a tree. Mixed solutions are cheaper.

Decide if staking is necessary.

It's best not to stake the tree, but if wind is a problem or if the tree is leaning, support it with a flexible stake — if you can find one — so that the trunk will sway in the wind.

If you decide to stake your tree, don't tie it too tight. Use thick string, leather thongs or soft rope, something with a little give and stretch to it. Remove the ties after one year because leaving string around the tree can kill it.

Protect the tree from hazards.




Finally, you should protect your growing tree from the dangers of lawn mowers and string trimmers. Durable plastic tree guards will shield fragile young trunks and keep soft bark from being stripped away.

Do not wrap the trunk with "protective" tape. It will slow the tree's ability to adapt to the site and provide a cozy home for insects.

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Horoscope

Thursday, March 28
The sun and Mercury hit the exact same degree in Aries today. This combination between these two bodies, called a conjunction, means that people, humanity and society in general will be very stubborn. It's going to take two or three times the effort to get people to go along with your suggestions. But it will also mean that they'll rarely reverse their decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
After several disappointments, a new promise will be kept. Luck comes from standing up for principles. Allow others to vent their anger openly or they could secretly work against you. Ask for second opinions—get facts in writing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Power shifts. An imbalance is corrected. Financial regulations make things fairer for you. Discipline and willpower bring respect, job offers and possibly leadership in your community. Children need to know your plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
The emotional climate changes, and now you have the upper hand. Stop playing financial games. Remarkable insights, dreams and inventions bring you into a new productive environment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Even a wrong decision is better than none at all. Something you say you dislike turns out to be a good thing. Expect some awaited news. Be honest when appraising your own career potential. Consider further study.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Do the unconventional—especially in hard-to-reach people finally return calls. The former love of a friend likes you. Bosses make promises about raises, bonuses and promotions. An exemption is granted.

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(March 28) Put all your eggs in one basket. Success comes when you do work on spec. Artistic projects are sold in May. Make home sales or purchases in July. Windfalls and inheritances come in either August or October. Expect in-laws to finally side with you. Enjoy new love with a Capricorn or Pisces. Travel in July or November. Reconciliations are lucky in January.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Suspend your judgment, and let the chips fall. You come out on top when you act spontaneously. A colleague is keeping secrets—clients could be hurt. Luck comes from a neighbor who overhears a conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Back style with substance. Others want to say yes, but you must have concrete plans. Get out of a middleman role. Others may take your ideas without compensating you. You need some time off from a relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
There are no foolproof systems, so don't count on one method to work continuously. Success comes with foreign trade, businesses and lovers. Approach large firms for jobs they now need your expertise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Meet challenges with

demands of your own. Refuse to back down in even the smallest negotiation. An ex is again interested in you. A sibling may intrude on your family harmony. Challenge a ruling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Financial surprises favor you, bringing you cash and future security. You are the recipient of a friend's luck. Nurture business contacts. Love someone younger or older. You turn a disaster into a money-maker.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Just when you've given up on

a creative idea, the perfect partner and solution come. Move quickly while your enthusiasm is high. In love, be spontaneous and open. A search brings results.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Dismiss negative comments. Others are jealous of your initiative. A current lover or partner may create problems to get your attention. Your passion for an old love returns. Separations end when you admit a mistake.

Horoscopes have no basis in scientific fact and should be read for amusement only.



Let's dance — Allen Dale Lee and the Still Water Band, playing a variety of music, including country, rock and roll and the blues, will be performing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, March 29, and Saturday, March 30, at Ardle and Tiny's Lounge in Collinsville, located across from Fairmont Race Track on Illinois 40. There is no admission charge.

Rummage, bake sale Saturday

The Christian Women's Fellowship Ruth Circle of Central Christian Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Audrea Scott recently.

Helen Stumpe, circle leader, led the ladies in the Christian Women's Fellowship Prayer and opened the business meeting with cares and concerns, calls and visits.

The circle's project is still working on health kits, Campbell Soup labels and a towel shower. The towel shower is to be delivered to Church Women United's project for the Phoenix Crisis Center.

Stumpe announced that on Saturday, March 30, Christian Women's Fellowship will hold a rummage and bake sale. Volunteers are needed. Also announced was the general meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 4. Preceding the meeting will be the Maundy Thursday services, led by the Rev. Carrie Cullen.

On Friday, April 17, several Christian Women's Fellowship ladies plan to attend the Women's Interfaith Conference at the Webster Groves Christian Church in Webster Groves, Mo. Special speakers and panelists include: Joyce Olinga, "Global Unity"; Kathryn Nelson, "Education"; Laleh Bakhtiar, "Gender Equity"; Robbi Lynn Liberman, "Justice"; and Kathleen McGinnis, "Moderator."

Other upcoming events include:

April 21, Church Women United will hold its "Music, Music" and refreshment celebration from 2 to 4 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church.

April 23, the southeast Christian Women's Fellowship board meeting will be held at North Side Christian Church in St. Louis.

April 28, the ladies of Christian Women's Fellowship plan to attend and assist at the Protestant Welfare's "Chuck Wagon Barbecue Benefit" at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road in Granite City.

The evening was concluded with a study and worship program, led by Sharon Calaway entitled "Latin Europe, Northern Europe, Central Europe, Remembering the Future." Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Audrea Scott, to Helen Stumpe, Sharon Calaway, Geneva Butler, Betty Ebrecht, Isabelle Ferguson, Lynda Leggett and Doris Edwards. The general offering and Least Coin offering was dedicated.

The next Christian Women's Fellowship Ruth Circle meeting will be held April 18 at the home of Helen Stumpe.



New members — The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 initiated two new members on Feb. 13 at the Eagles home. Shown are, from left, Cynthia Freeman, president Joanna Spencer and Margaret Kwiatkowski.

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Viennese Ball April 3 at SIUE

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The Viennese Ball, which offers an elegant evening of dining, desserts, and dancing, is set for 6:30 p.m. that Saturday in the SIUE University Center. The guests of honor this year are Robert and Carol Wetzel. Proceeds will benefit the SIUE music scholarship fund. Appealing to eclectic tastes, several musical styles will be offered throughout the evening, as well as an 8 p.m. buffet-style dinner "of Viennese delights." Formal attire is optional.

Tickets for the April 13 gala are \$45 per person; full-time SIUE students, \$30; reserved tables for eight, \$325; and reserved table for 10, \$495. For more information or to make a reservation, call the SIUE Fine Arts box office at 692-2774.

Junior Group contest judging

The Venice-Madison Unit 307 Junior Group of the American Legion Auxiliary held its meeting on March 18 at the Post 307 home in Venice. The hostesses for the evening were Kaleigh and Chelsey Peery.

The girls colored spring tray favors for the Anna Veterans' Home and Choate Mental Health Center, both in Anna. Toothbrushes will be attached to these. Easter Bunny favors were also made with Lifesavers attached for the Chester Mental Health Center in Chester.

A report was made on the Fifth Division outing to the Marion Veterans' Administration Nursing Home and the Haven in Marion.

Everyone was reminded that contest entries for poppy items, history, press book and prayer book must be received by March 30. The 22nd District meeting will be held March 30 in Cahokia. The contests will be judged that day.

Girls were reminded to finish selling candy bars for their trip to East Peoria for the department junior conference in April. Those in attendance were Kaleigh Peery, Chelsey Peery, Cathy Moreland, Laura Martin, Megan Miller, Melissa Allen and Carrie Baker. Seniors attending were Dorothy Hinson, Rose Moreland and Carla Peery.

Games were played at the close of the meeting. The next regular meeting of the Unit 307 juniors will be held at 7 p.m. April 5.

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New initiates — The Granite City Eagles Auxiliary 1126 hosted the state officers' weekend Jan. 19-21. A class of candidates were initiated in honor of the state madam president, Sue McCoy. Shown are, from left, McCoy, new member Susan Sechrest, new member Cynthia Marshall Hughes and auxiliary president Joanna Spencer.

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